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FREE EVERY WEEK

The past week in headlines

At-a-glance news & sport...

Phew! It's a scorcher!

The region was hit by a heatwave, enjoyed particularly by several meerkats at Moulton College



So close, but so far
Stuart Pearce's England's U21s reached the final of the European Championship but lost 4-0 to Germany.



New centre for Naseby

The design of a new £3million visitors centre for the battlefield at Naseby were unveiled



Report critical of town health

HEALTH bosses have said a critical new health profile of Northampton is mainly influenced by people's 'lifestyle choices' rather than a lack of NHS intervention.

The Department of Health's *Health Profiles 2009* declared the health of people in Northampton was generally lower than the average for the rest of England.

The profiles also found that men from the least-deprived areas of the town could expect to live more than seven years longer than those in the most deprived areas.

The figures showed the town itself was below the England average for:

- Early death from cancer, although this was improving;
- Children's health.
- Levels of smoking in pregnancy;
- Breast feeding initiation
- Teenage pregnancies.

Dr Stephen Horsley, NHS Northamptonshire's Director of Health, said: "We can work with people but it is down to their own lifestyle choices. This snapshot also mentions that the health of people generally across the county is better than average, with levels of deprivation, drug misuse, alcohol-related harm and diabetes better than average."

Over the last 10 years, rates of death from all causes and early deaths from heart disease and stroke have improved and are now close to the England average. And the percentage of physically active children was higher than the average for England.

72 surgeries open longer

NINETY per cent of Northamptonshire's GP practices are now offering better and longer opening hours, according to a report published today.

Seventy two surgeries are making it easier for patients to manage their working life, home commitments and health by providing more choice in booking appointments either early in the morning, Monday to Saturday, or in the evening.

They include the Abington Park Surgery in Ardington Road, The Pines Surgery in Harborough Road, Kingsthorpe, Denton Village Surgery and the Danetre Medical Practice in Daventry.

The first of four proposed walk-in health centres, giving patients access to a health professional seven days a week from 8am to 8pm, is also up and running in Corby.

Dr Peter Walters, a GP at the Queensway Practice in Wellingborough, said: "We have been running the extended hours for over a year now and have had an excellent take up and feedback from patients has been positive. Some of these extra appointments are from patients who are not necessarily ill, but come to us with routine general check ups so we can maintain the progress of their health."

"This is good for them because it



means we can stop any serious health problems developing in the future and good for us as we are helping reduce the burden on the health service."

Jane Bailey, primary care manager for NHS Northamptonshire, said: "When you need a fast appointment, you can expect to be offered one within two working days, or an appointment

with a practice nurse within one working day. All GP surgeries should also offer you the opportunity to book appointments more than two days in advance, if you prefer."

"We are delighted that so many of our GPs have come on board and now offer longer opening hours, giving patients greater flexibility when making appointments in order to better

suit their commitments and lifestyles.

"The feedback we are getting shows patients are really pleased with the access they have to local family doctors and their services."

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The Week in Pictures

True grit: German artist Johanna Landscheidt sculpts a mythical creature during a sand sculptures competition in Guentersdorf, eastern Germany, Friday, June 26, 2009. (AP Photo/Eckehard Schulz)



Fly past: The Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team The Red Arrows joined a Virgin Atlantic 747-400 plane called Birthday Girl to perform a fly past at the Biggin Hill International Air Fair. It ended a week of celebrations for the airline which is marking its 25th anniversary. (Steve Parsons/PA Wire)

Fallen flat: WORKERS look at the remains of a collapsed 13-floor residential building which was under construction in Shanghai, China. Shanghai authorities are holding nine people in an investigation into why the apartment building collapsed. (AP Photo)



In tents: An aerial view of Worthy Farm, in Somerset, shows the huge number of people camping out for the Glastonbury Festival there at the weekend. (Picture Anthony Devlin/PA Wire)

Major plan to expand

MORE than 40,000 houses could be built around the edges of Northampton, Daventry and Towcester according to new plans.

The documents, which have been published by the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit (JPU) show the largest potential development site is land between Grange Park, Wootton and Little Houghton where 18,000 homes could be built.

The scheme could also see an extra 5,663 houses built between Moulton and Overstone, 2,200 built on the edge of Collingtree and 6,900 built on the edge of Duston.

And more than 5,300 houses could be built around Daventry and almost 5,000 more in South Northamptonshire.

Revealing the plans at the Guildhall yesterday, the leader of Northampton Borough Council, Councillor Tony Woods (*Lib Dem, St Davids*), acknowledged some of the proposals would be unpopular with people living close to the possible development sites.

He said: "Inevitably, this is going to be hugely controversial and there will be a number of people

who will not be happy with the proposals we're bringing forward.

"We understand that feeling, but if people are putting objections in, they need to provide alternatives."

The housing plans have been put together as part of the Government's long-term scheme to increase the size of Northampton and the surrounding area.

The expansion plan was first put forward several years ago by the Government as a means of relieving the pressure on housing markets in the south-east of the country.

Major developments have already been seen in locations such as Upton and Duston, but this is the first time areas for more new houses have been identified.

Although it is not yet confirmed, the houses will be built in the newly-identified areas, Councillor Woods said the specific locations had been chosen to make sure they would fit in with neighbouring towns.

He said: "For Northampton, I think the key factor is to main-

tain it as a compact and accessible city."

Exact details of what could be built in each area have not yet been revealed, but the JPU has said the expansion would involve the creation of schools, leisure centres, shops and green areas.

The document has also suggested Northampton town centre would be improved by the redevelopment of both the Grosvenor Centre and the town's railway station between 2011 and 2016.

There would also be a new road linking the M1 with the A45 at Great Billing Way and another around the north-west of Northampton linking Weedon Road with the A43 while both Towcester and Daventry would get their much-wanted bypasses.

The plans will be discussed by members of the JPU on July 6 and are expected to be put out to public consultation for six weeks before being submitted to the Government in November.

Full details of the scheme are available on the website www.westnorthamptonshirejpu.org.

Where houses could be built...

Northampton North:

A site between Moulton and Overstone

Plans for:

- 5,663 new houses
- 3,400 new jobs
- A park and ride facility
- Three or four new schools

■ New health facilities and a new library

Northampton South-East:

A site stretching from Grange Park up to Little Houghton

Plans for:

- 18,000 new houses
- 11,000 new jobs
- A new transport link into Northampton town centre
- A new road linking the

M1 and the A45

■ Three or four new schools and a new library

Junction 16:

A 434-acre employment site where 11,565 new jobs could be created

Northampton West:

Land west of Duston

Plans for:

- 6,900 new houses
- Shops
- New healthcare facilities and a library
- Several new schools

Northampton South:

Land next to Collingtree

Plans for:

- 2,200 new houses
- Employment areas
- A primary school
- A new golf course

Daventry North:

An area near the Grand

Union Canal

Plans for:

- 1,000 houses

Daventry South East:

An area close to the current town centre

Plans for:

- 2,200 houses
- 480 new jobs
- Health facilities

Daventry North-East:

Close to the Daventry Country Park

Plans for:

- 5,000 new houses
- 2,129 new jobs
- A new cemetery
- Six new schools

■ Health facilities and a new library

Towcester South:

The area around Wood

Burcote

Plans for:

- 3,300 new houses
- 2,670 new jobs
- A new A5 by-pass
- A new primary school
- A new health centre
- New sports pitches

Brackley North:

The area around Brackley Fields

Plans for:

- 1,600 new houses
- A new school and community centre

Brackley East:

A site on the edge of Brackley

Plans for:

- A 61 acre employment area
- Community or arts space.

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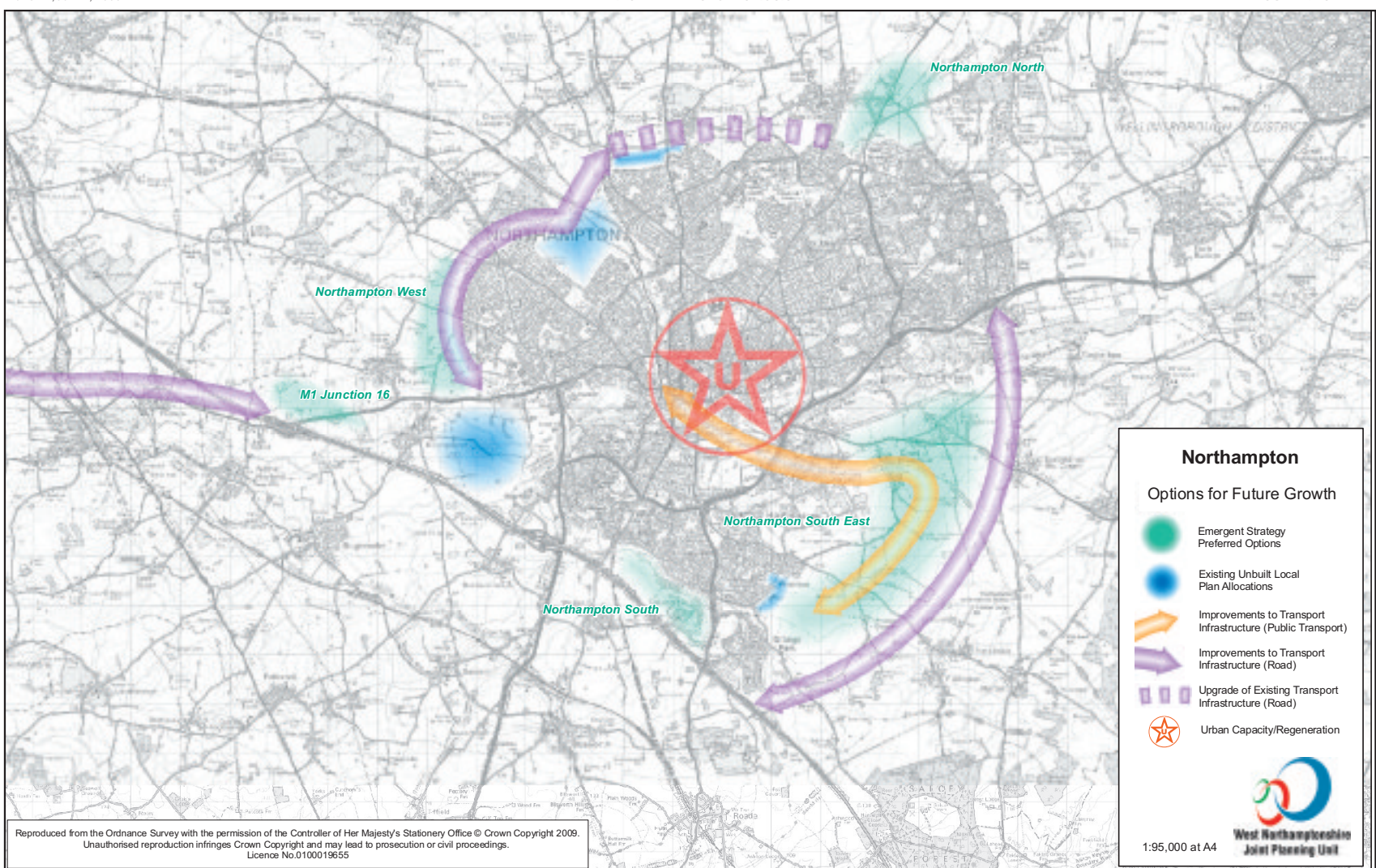
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32,000 homes for outskirts

MORE than 32,000 houses could be built around the outskirts of Northampton in the coming decades under the latest expansion plans.

The largest area identified in the plan is the so-called Northampton South East section between Grange Park and Little Houghton where the plans suggest 18,000 houses could be built and 11,000 new jobs created.

The area would be linked to the town centre by a new, as yet undecided, transport system and there would also be two or three new primary schools, a new secondary school and a library built in the area.

The scheme would also bring a major new road built, linking the M1 from Junction 15 with the A45, creating a new link road around the outside of the town.

Discussing the plan, the leader of Northampton Borough Council, Councillor Tony Woods (*Lib Dem, St Davids*) said: "It would effectively be a new suburb of the town, so it would have to have excellent transport links, both for cars and for alternative means of transport."

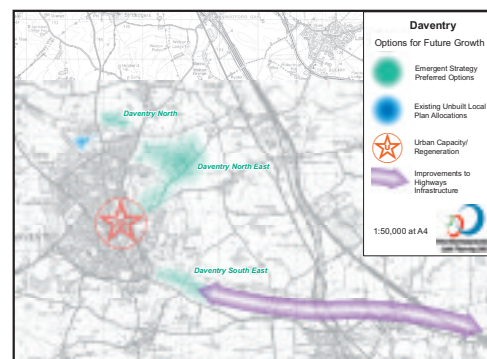
The second largest expansion area identified in Northampton would be Northampton West, which skirts around the edge of Duston, towards Harpole. Here, the new plans suggest there could be 6,900 houses built as well as shops, a library a new primary school and possibly a secondary school.

A section of land between Moulton and Overstone, known as Northampton North, could also see the development of 5,663 houses, the creation of 3,400 jobs and the construction of a park and ride service.

There would also be two or three primary schools, a secondary school, health facilities and a library to serve the community.

The smallest site in Northampton which has been identified in the plan is an extension to Collingtree where 2,200 houses would be built, as well as a new primary school.

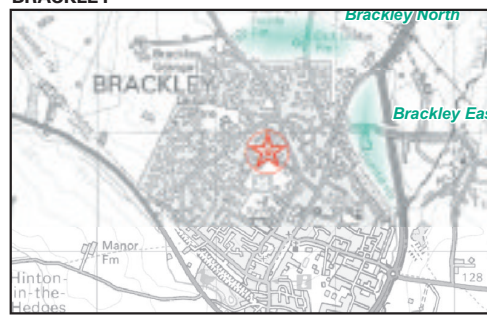
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Welcome for mail plan delay

GOVERNMENT proposals which could put plans to sell a stake in Royal Mail on hold, were welcomed by union leaders in Northampton but they have voiced concerns that the move could stall plans to modernise the service.

Members of the Communication Workers' Union opposed the Government's plans when they were first announced, as they saw it as a step towards privatising the mail.

But Mick Fitzmaurice, who is secretary of the union's Northampton branch, said while members were opposed to any privatisation, they were not against other proposed changes, such as the modernisation of the service.

He said: "There really has been a mixed response to the latest news from people here in Northampton."

"We're pleased in one way, because we think it's the right thing to do."

"But the company does need to move forward and modernise, we want that, just not any private investment."

"So we're pleased they've stepped back from the privatisation, but it's not right just to kick the whole thing into the long grass."

Plans for the future of Royal Mail were due to be put before Parliament in the next few weeks.

But on Monday, the Government's business secretary, Lord Mandelson, said the move may now be delayed because there was a lack of time to discuss the issue before Parliament's summer recess.

Air crew at training day

THE Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance have teamed up with the police to help firearms officers learn first aid skills for treating gunshot wounds.

The crew arrived unannounced to the candidates and put them through their paces regarding helicopter arrivals, handovers, clinical assessment and treatments at the training day.

Andy Williamson, chief executive of the WNAA said: "It is important that these sessions are true to life and mirror real life scenarios and that is where WNAA came in, providing, experience, skills and knowledge. This was a great exercise to prepare for the possibility of such incidents and build further links with other emergency services."

Can private sector do job any better?



Rubbish collection is thought to be one of the first areas to be scrutinised to see if it could be privatised

EVERY section of Northampton Borough Council's work will be investigated to see if it would be better if it was privatised.

In a shock announcement on Monday night, the authority said it planned to invite "business and other organisations" to "offer their expertise and propose how they could help the council deliver better services".

It is understood the first areas of the council's work to be put under the spotlight will be street sweeping and rubbish collection.

But the leader of the authority, Councillor Tony Woods (*Lib Dem, St Davids*) last night confirmed eventually every service provided by the authority, including leisure centres and housing, would be investigated to see if private companies could run them better.

He said: "We'll test our services against those which could be provided by the private sector."

"There's no decision at this point to privatise any services, but we are looking at how we can provide better services for less money right across the board."

"So nothing is being ruled in or out."

The council currently employs 1,200 people to carry out services as varied as graffiti removal, parks maintenance and housing advice.

Councillor Woods said he expected the Guildhall review would find council services could be provided in a variety of different ways, including joint operations with neighbouring councils, privatisation deals and moving some services over to the voluntary sector.

He added: "We expect we'll end

up with a good number of our services delivered by our own staff, some across council boundaries, some by the private sector and some by the voluntary sector."

But he added: "Where a better deal can't be found elsewhere, we will keep services in-house. But there are several services, notably street cleaning and litter picking, that could be done better, and at less cost to taxpayers, by working with the private sector."

In advance of yesterday's announcement, council chiefs held lengthy talks with union leaders.

Opposition councillors also found out about the proposals late last night.

Among the sternest critics was the leader of the council's Labour group, Councillor Keith Davies (*Lab, Ecton Brook*).

He said: "If we outsource everything, what are we doing here as a council?"

"There would be nothing we'd be left responsible for. We'd just be secretaries sorting out contracts."

The leader of the Conservative group, Councillor David Palethorpe (*Con, Billing*) was also critical of the situation.

He said: "It worries me deeply that council finances have been allowed to decay to the point where the administration feels it must go down this path."

The council's only independent member, Councillor Tony Clarke (*Ind, Castle*) added: "It's a despicable move. Pushing services out to the cheapest bidder isn't a way to improve them."

The proposals will be discussed by the council's cabinet on July 6.

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Plans to treat waste at site

LAND on Northampton's Crow Lane, has been earmarked as a possible site for a waste treatment plant just yards away from an existing sewage works which residents have been protesting against for years.

County councillors will meet next month to decide whether the site should be put forward to bidders as a potential area for the multi-million pound plant.

The plant, which would be for all the waste that cannot be recycled or composted, is part of Project Reduce, an initiative under which Northamptonshire County Council and Milton Keynes Council have been working together to develop cost effective methods of waste treatment.

The county council cabinet will vote on whether the authority should enter into an agreement to lease the site with Anglian Water.

If agreed, the land would then be offered to bidders as a site where the facility could be built, should the bidder wish to do so.

Councillor Heather Smith, county council cabinet member for environment, growth and

transport, said: "Milton Keynes and Northamptonshire are likely to see significant housing growth over the next 20 years and this will obviously bring about a growth in the amount of waste being generated."

"Locating a suitable site for the residual waste treatment plant is a significant step forward in the process of finding a long-term solution to this challenge."

"Several sites were examined for their potential and on balance it was agreed that this one was the most suitable."

In late 2008, DEFRA approved the outline business case for Project Reduce and, under the terms of a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) deal, provisionally awarded the two councils £138 million support subject to Northamptonshire County Council securing land that could be offered to bidders under the joint contract.

The Campaign for Lower Ecton Action Now (CLEAN) has been protesting against expansion of the current sewage works there and calling for tighter odour controls for years.

What happens to our rubbish?

- Residual waste is waste that is not recycled or composted. In the past it has mainly been buried in the ground at landfill sites. This is no longer considered a sustainable solution and there are increasing environmental policy and financial drives to treat residual waste rather than landfill it.
- The process of deciding on a site, finding a bidder and deciding the method of treatment will last around two years, with a further two years necessary to build the facilities.
- The forms of treatment available fall into two main categories: Thermal treatment - involving some form of combustion of the waste - and mechanical biological treatment (MBT), where the waste is stabilised through some form of biological treatment after, and/or before, mechanical separation of the non-organic material.
- Northamptonshire currently recycles approximately 44 per cent of its waste.



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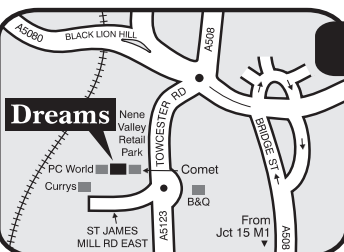
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Appeal for taxi driver protection

POLITICIAN Brian Binley has renewed his call on the Government to provide extra protection for taxi drivers from drunken passengers.

Last year, the Conservative MP for Northampton South, Brian Binley, called on the Government to push for the installation of CCTV cameras and protective shields in taxis and private hire cars.

And this week he called again on the Government to provide protection for vulnerable drivers.

In a House of Commons debate, he said: "Taxi drivers work on the front line of transportation and in the late hours, not least because no other transportation is available then. Their customers are unknown to them and they often pick them up in the very dimmest of light."

Discussing the fact that nationally, 51 taxi drivers have been murdered over the last 15 years, he added: "Taxi drivers carry out a vital function in some of the most difficult circumstances that we might imagine, and they pay a price."

His comments were welcomed by the Government's transport minister, Sadiq Khan, who said the Government had made moves to improve driver safety in the past year, including publishing a leaflet which tells drivers how they can improve their safety.

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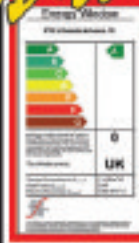
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Recovery caution

LATEST figures, which showed a rise in the number of mortgages and suggested the housing market was starting to recover, do not reflect the local picture according to estate agents and mortgage brokers in Northampton.

According to the Bank of England the number of mortgages approved for house purchase rose for the fourth month in a row during May, with a total of 43,414 loans being approved, up marginally from April and 10 per cent higher than in May last year.

But local estate agents have said the figures do not necessarily mean the housing market is starting to recover.

Rob Godfrey, partner at Bidwells estate agents in Northampton, greeted the news with "cautious optimism".

He said: "I think it is far too

early to say whether we are on a consistent upward rise but certainly transaction levels are high and we have seen marked improvement during the months of May and June this year to levels which would not have seemed out-of-place in 2007, which was at the height of the market. However, we are finding the willingness to lend is still not at the levels it needs to be conducive with a buoyant housing market."

Mortgage brokers in the town have said the figures may be misleading.

Ashley Jones, director of Northampton Mortgage Company, said: "I would put these figures down to people who have got a sizeable deposit. Lenders are still unlikely to offer first-time buyers competitive rates unless they are putting down a sizeable deposit.

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TELEVISION Quiz

1. John Barrowman stars in *Torchwood: Children Of Earth* (pictured), which begins on BBC One on Monday. What's the name of the character he plays in the series?

2. *Mock The Week* is back on our screens on BBC Two



next Thursday. What is the name of the Irish quizmaster of the panel show?

3. Smithy must choose whether to lie for a colleague or not in *The Bill* next Thursday on ITV1. What's the name of the actor who plays the tough sergeant?

4. It's the grand final of *Celebrity Masterchef* next Friday on BBC One. Who are its two food-loving judges?

5. Cast your mind back... Dervla Kirwan can be seen in *Moving On* on Monday. What was the name of the time-travelling series in which she starred opposite Nicholas Lyndhurst?

WHAT year is this?

1 Juan Carlos became King of Spain following the death of General Franco

2 The Suez Canal reopened after eight years

3 The House of Commons

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4 Pele (right) signed a three-year contract with the New York Cosmos for seven million dollars



WHAT YEAR IS IT? Answer: 1975

Key word solution: ALBERTA

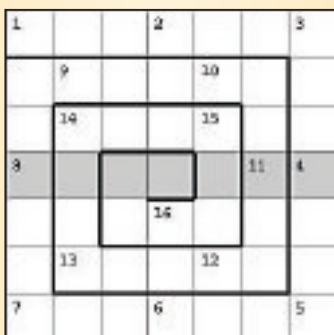
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WORD Spiral

CLUES:

- Hearing organs
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- Notion
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- To pant
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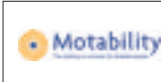
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STICKERS urging police officers to think when reversing have been placed in police vehicles in a bid to cut the number of collisions.

Bright yellow stickers with the words "Reversing? Think!!" have been stuck to dashboards in officers' cars and a collision reduction plan has been put in place.

The moves were taken after officers were found to be leaving handbrakes off causing their cars to roll into other vehicles, or driving vans into areas which are too low for them, costing the force thousands of pounds and causing "untold inconvenience" while vehicles were out of action.

Officers have been warned in the Northamptonshire Police newsletter, Nene Beat, that they must keep costs down and protect their "public image" by avoiding such "embarrassing" accidents.

Chief inspector Sean Bell, of the force's Police Vehicle Collision Reduction Group, said: "I'm talking about things like handbrakes being left off so that vehicles roll into some-

"Things like that are embarrassing when they involve members of the public, and are very costly to put right."

"At a time of reducing budgets, we cannot afford carelessness and the Police Authority would expect us to take every step we can to keep costs down and protect our public image."

A target of no more than 204 police collisions set by the group for 2007/8 was exceeded by 12.

Chief Insp Bell said: "The good news is that we have very few serious collisions given the nature of the work we do and the millions of miles our fleet of vehicles cover every year."

"But we have to set that against the fact that so many bumps are caused by carelessness and could easily be avoided."

The new Police Vehicle Collision Reduction Plan will mean officers who have scrapes and bumps as a result of such carelessness now face retraining or an entry in the Performance and Development Review (PDR) system.

GET THE MESSAGE!

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Main picture, stickers have been placed on the dashboards of police vehicles to remind them to think when reversing and, inset, the issue of collisions has been covered in the Nene Beat newsletter

Weapon total

NEW figures have revealed more than 500 arrests were made for possession of knives and firearms in the county over three years.

A total of 503 arrests were made for offences relating to possessing weapons during 2006, 2007 and 2008, according to figures from Northamptonshire Police.

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LEADING THE WAY IN PATIENT PRIVACY AND DIGNITY



Here **Lynn Andrews**, Assistant Director of Nursing and Patient Care at NHS East Midlands, the Strategic Health Authority, answers some of the most commonly asked questions relating to **Same-Sex Accommodation**

WHAT IS SAME-SEX ACCOMMODATION AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

If you're a patient in hospital or visiting a friend or relative your main concern is immediate treatment and a speedy recovery. You have told us that your privacy and dignity is also important. This is why as part of a privacy and dignity drive in our hospitals, NHS organisations in the East Midlands are working hard to eliminate mixed-sex accommodation and provide same-sex accommodation for patients.

WHAT IS MEANT BY SAME-SEX ACCOMMODATION?

Same-sex accommodation is where sleeping areas, toilet and washing facilities are designated as either men-only or women-only. This means that men and women shouldn't be in beds next to each other and toilets should be clearly labelled for men's and women's use. Disabled toilets and washrooms can be used by either men or women as they can require specialist equipment or facilities.

SLEEPING FACILITIES

Sleeping facilities in same-sex accommodation can be provided in a number of ways including: same-sex wards, where the whole ward is occupied by men or women only; single rooms for one patient, or wards where men and women are in separate bays within that ward. In this instance a solid partition will be used as a privacy screen to separate men and women.

TOILET AND WASHING FACILITIES

Toilet and washing facilities should be clearly labelled and easily accessible - ideally, either inside or next to the ward, bay or room. Patients should not need to pass through the same room as the opposite sex or use toilet and washing facilities designated for use by the opposite sex.

WHY IS SAME-SEX ACCOMMODATION SO IMPORTANT?

Going to hospital can be a worry and we understand patients are obviously anxious about the procedures they're having. You have told us that being in mixed-sex accommodation can be uncomfortable, compromising your privacy and dignity at a time when you may already be feeling vulnerable. The most common concerns include physical exposure, being in an embarrassing situation or other patients overhearing sensitive conversations. It is for these reasons that NHS organisations in the East Midlands are making excellent progress towards providing same-sex accommodation and improving the experience of patients.

WHEN ADMITTED TO AN NHS HOSPITAL WITHIN THE EAST MIDLANDS WHAT CHANGES COULD I SEE?

You should know that every effort is being made to provide same-sex accommodation. A member of staff can help put your mind at ease whether you're a patient or if you're concerned about a friend or relative.

Same-sex sleeping, toilet and washing facilities should be clearly shown via new signage which is going up in many of the region's hospitals. New bathrooms and toilet facilities are being installed providing more facilities. Changes to wards include the use of privacy film, full height partitions and the installation of doors on open bays.

Sometimes there will be situations where there is no alternative to men and women sharing facilities, for instance where patients need urgent or highly specialised care such as intensive care. This is because your care is paramount and our first priority is getting you better. We know from speaking to patients that you understand reasons why sharing facilities may happen. If this is the case, then staff on the ward will explain why and when your move to same-sex accommodation is possible.

While there is still some work to be done, the vast majority of our hospitals have already made good progress toward providing same-sex accommodation. This is to ensure that all our patients have the best possible experience while in our care.

WHAT CAN I DO TO FIND OUT IF I WILL HAVE SAME-SEX ACCOMMODATION?

If you're about to be admitted to hospital and you want to confirm that your accommodation will be same-sex, please call the hospital's admissions department or ask a member of staff.

Alternatively log onto www.eastmidlands.nhs.uk and follow links to all the NHS websites in the region.

LOOK OUT FOR MORE SAME-SEX ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

To help explain about same-sex accommodation to patients and their visitors a range of materials have been launched. Posters, pull-up banners, leaflets and bookmarks will be in NHS facilities across the East Midlands and advertising will be appearing in local newspapers. All of which feature NHS staff from the region.

In Northamptonshire a leaflet will be delivered to homes in the county explaining more about accommodation in the county's NHS hospitals.

PATIENT DIGNITY AND PRIVACY A PRIORITY AT NORTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL

Same-sex accommodation at hospitals in Northampton is getting a welcome boost thanks to Government funding. Facilities at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust are being given an upgrade to enhance privacy and dignity for all patients.

The Trust has secured £1.3m funding from the Department of Health to boost the provision of same-sex accommodation at the hospital and in addition, the Trust is investing a further £500,000 of its own funds to maximise the improvements that are being made.

Work has already started and is due to be completed in September 2009. Improvements include new same-sex toilet and bathroom facilities with new signage, as well

as privacy screens. Sue Hardy, Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Patient Services at the Trust, says "Privacy and dignity for patients has always been a priority for us but this additional funding has meant we can make our patients feel more comfortable and secure. We are committed to ensuring our patients are cared for in same-sex accommodation where appropriate, as we know this is what they and their families prefer."

The same-sex accommodation project is being supported by an awareness campaign, to highlight the benefits of the improvements to those living in the NHS East Midlands region. These communications, which all feature



Single en-suite rooms, are just one form of same-sex accommodation

NHS staff from the region including Northampton modern matron Claire Sambridge, will also help friends and family feel more comfortable, knowing the patient's privacy and dignity is being respected during their stay.

I believe

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Views and wet rooms

IF you are looking for a property to rent, here are four options from Hamiltons in Northampton currently available to tenants

Picture 1 shows a large three-bedroom, bay-fronted property in Weedon Road, St James.

Available for reduced rent, the house has off-road parking for two vehicles and a garage to the rear.

Briefly comprising entrance hall, large lounge and separate dining room, newly fitted kitchen/breakfast room, three double bed-

rooms and a family bathroom with shower over bath. Viewing highly recommended. Available now for £695 per calendar month on Northampton 810660.

Picture 2 shows a two-bedroom terraced home in Wimbledon Street, St James, in good condition with a rear garden. It has: entrance hall, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen with storage cupboard, fitted cooker, two double bedrooms and a bathroom with a shower over the bath. Available unfurnished now for £525 per calendar month on Northampton 810660

Picture 3 shows an executive two-bedroom

apartment at ViewPoint, in Northampton town centre. With its own private entrance and allocated parking space, the apartment is accessed by secure electric gates. With large open-plan lounge/dining room and beautifully fitted kitchen/breakfast area with built in appliances, fridge/freezer, washing machine, dishwasher, and stainless steel oven, hob and extractor, two double bedrooms and a fantastic fitted wet room. With gas heating and double glazing, viewing is highly recommended to appreciate a lovely property in the heart of town. Unfurnished or part furnished. Rent is

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Picture 4 shows a three bedroom, three storey house in Pilton Close, Rectory Farm, with views overlooking open fields and front and rear gardens. It has an entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge with laminate flooring, large kitchen/breakfast room, two double bedrooms and one single bedroom, and bathroom with over-bath shower. Communal parking, gas central heating and double glazing. Being refurbished to a high standard. Available from July 11 for £575 per calendar month on 810660.



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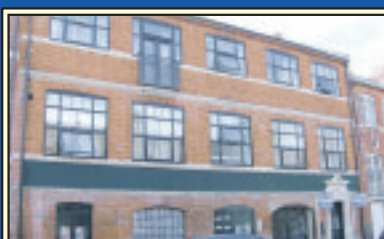
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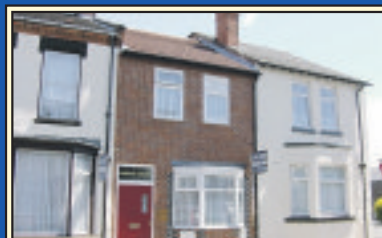
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		 <p>PAIGE SEYMORE Happy 18th Birthday Lots of Love Uncle Martyn, Auntie Tracey, Sophie, Greg Ryan & Georgina xxx</p>	 <p>Laura TWISELTON Congratulations on your 18th. Love from Nan, Grandad and Serena xxx</p>	<p>CARDALL Linda, Chris and Jamie would like to formally welcome Leanne into the family and would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended the marriage of Raymond and Leanne on 27th June 2009.</p>	<p>BROADBENT Colin 29.06.05 I still have my memories Colin, but what it meant to lose you, knowbody will ever know. Love you today and always, your Wife Carol. xx Dad, miss you and love you lots as always, Jane xx Dad, always in our thoughts love always, Jason & Teressa xxx Grandad, love you now and always, Brendon, Kyran & Freya xxx</p>	<p>GREET Susan Dawn Passed into Heaven free from all her pain June 30th 2003. We miss her very much, Gary, Ben, Sam, Mum, Dad and Andrew</p>
			<p>Thank You CARDALL Linda, Chris and Jamie would like to formally welcome Leanne into the family and would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended the marriage of Raymond and Leanne on 27th June 2009.</p>	<p>In Memoriam BROADBENT Colin 29.06.05 I still have my memories Colin, but what it meant to lose you, knowbody will ever know. Love you today and always, your Wife Carol. xx Dad, miss you and love you lots as always, Jane xx Dad, always in our thoughts love always, Jason & Teressa xxx Grandad, love you now and always, Brendon, Kyran & Freya xxx</p>	<p>HILLERY — Thomas. Died 30th June 2006. Sadly missed Brother of Colin. Always in our thoughts. Colin, Teresa, Simon, Darren and families.</p>	<p>HILLERY Tommy Loving memories of our Brother Tom, passed away June 30th 2006. Missed so much and remembered always, Delia, June, Pat, Rose, Janet & Albert</p>
			<p>Golden Wedding Janet & Michael COTTON (nee Moring) Congratulations on your Golden Wedding Anniversary. With our love, Michelle, Adam, Eden, Skye and Beau. xxxxx</p>	<p>CHRISTY Angela It's been a year since we said our last goodbye and time still goes on so slowly. I miss you now just as I did back then, until we meet again my heart remains broken, from your ever loving husband Terry x</p>	<p>HADDON — Avril Lesley (Nee Smith) Missing and remembering you always. Beryl & Family</p>	<p>MERRILL Albert Passed away June 26th 2006. Dearest Husband of the late Alice, much loved Dad of Glenda, Delia, Pauline & Families. No words can heal the heartache or stop a silent tear or take away the memories of the ones we hold so dear.</p>
			<p>TO PLACE YOUR FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS CALL 01604 515000</p>	<p>CHRISTY Angela Mum, a year on and we still miss and think of you every day, love you, Kevin, Donna, Connor & Aidan xx</p>	<p>Chronicle TO PLACE ALL YOUR FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS CALL OUR CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT FOR MORE INFORMATION ON 01604 515000 Mercury&Citizen</p>	<p>WATERFIELD — Barbara. 4 long years has now gone by and I still love you so much. Love Brian. P.S Have my dinner ready! xx</p>

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There are plenty of options out there for the sports convertible buyer with £80,000 burning a hole in his or her pocket. Assuming that performance is a big priority, the Porsche 911 Turbo Cabriolet, the BMW 650Ci and the Mercedes SL500 would all be desirable options.

Aston Martin's Vantage isn't a million miles away price-wise either. This is the definition of stiff competition but Jaguar is a brand with newfound confidence and the stomach for a fight.

In the past, Jaguar played second fiddle to the leading German brands with regards to engine technology. Not any more. The XK's 5.0-litre V8 is a high-class, modern unit and with a supercharger bolted on in XKR form, it steps up to another level. The 510bhp is only half the story. With the aid of its supercharger, the engine produces 625Nm of torque all the way from 2,500rpm to



5,500rpm. That equates to a formidable amount of urge available right where you need it. Plant the throttle and the XKR Convertible will hit 60mph from a standing start in 4.6s and it takes just 1.9s to blast from 50mph to 70mph.

On the road, there is a certain amount of detectable flex in the chassis as a result of this convertible model being divested of its fixed roof. It doesn't impact on the XKR too seriously however, as this isn't a car developed for the racetrack. Its active suspension makes for comfortable cruising

and the direct steering and slick automatic transmission combine with the effortless pace from the engine to produce an exhilarating driving experience.

The gearbox is a paddle-operated six-speed Jaguar Sequential Shift automatic that can adapt to the driver's style. This is marshalled by a neat rotary knob of the JaguarDrive Selector which resides where the gear lever would otherwise be.

The hood does its stuff in a fraction less than 18 seconds, stowing neatly beneath an aluminium tonneau, so you should be able to

go from open to closed or vice versa in the time it takes for a set of traffic lights to change. The car is edgier, more angular than you expect upon first acquaintance, but the curve of the waistline up over the rear wheelarch gives it a really powerful look. XKR-specific bits include that more aggressive front bumper with colour keyed finish that incorporates tall air intakes on each side, aluminium trimmed side power vents, old-school bonnet louvres and an aluminium trim on the mesh grilles. The XKR's engine is not the big, crude V8 you'd find in an American muscle car.

This is a highly advanced piece of metalwork on Jaguar's part with its aluminium construction, independent variable cam timing and spray guided direct injection. It all spells decent efficiency as well as big performance, even if that is in the context of a 500bhp sports convertible. Economy is measured at 23mpg on the combined cycle while emissions of CO2 are measured at 292g/km but it could be worse.

People spending £80,000 on a sports convertible want something that feels special and that's where Jaguar's XKR Convertible scores big. From its 510bhp V8 engine to the classy interior ambience, it's a car that fills the senses and makes the most mundane drive a real experience.

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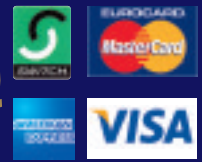


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Ref: V8/204/NCE

Ref: V8/205/NCE

Closing date for both posts: Noon, Wednesday 8 July 2009.

Interview date: Friday 17 July 2009.

These posts will require a CRB check.

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Ref: PASL03

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Location: Wellingborough area

Ref: PASW04

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For further information and to download an application pack please visit www.connexions-northamptonshire.org.uk/about/vacancies.htm

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This will be paid on the NJC Scale 6 Point range 26-28, £22,001 - £23,473 pro rata, hours to be confirmed. Closing date for applications: Friday 3rd July 2009. Interviews will take place week commencing 6th July 2009. Please contact the College for an application form preferably by email at vacancies@latimer.org.uk or by calling 01536 720300

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School of Social Sciences: quote ref CW4364JH.

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Post 1: quote ref TM1005VT, post 2: quote ref TM4360VT.

Interview date: 27 July 2009.

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Heartbreak for battered Lions

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Sport

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T20 tickets go on sale

TICKETS are on sale now for Northants Steelbacks' Twenty20 quarter-final against Hampshire Hawks at the County Ground on Wednesday, July 29.

Nicky Boje's men secured a home game in the last eight thanks to their seven-wicket win over Worcestershire Royals last Sunday saw them top their qualifying group.

Steelbacks are now just one win away from the final day at Edgbaston, which will be held on Saturday, August 15.

Tickets cost £15 for adults (£10 to members) with children half price. Seats can also be reserved in the bigger of the two new stands at a cost of £20. They can be obtained via the club website at www.northantscricket.com or by phoning 01604 514455.

The County are without a game until next Tuesday (July 7) when they will entertain Derbyshire over four days in the LV County Championship.



■ ON THE TWENTY20 MARCH – the Steelbacks celebrate claiming the wicket of Vikram Solanki during their win over Worcestershire

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Stu joy as he lands Beckwith

STUART GRAY has spoken of his delight at the signing of Hereford United central defender Dean Beckwith.

The Cobblers boss swooped for Beckwith after it became clear Mark Hughes was not going to be returning to Sixfields.

Former Everton defender Hughes had been offered a new deal to stay with the Cobblers, but that offer was withdrawn this week when it became clear the player wasn't going to commit to the club.

Gray has moved swiftly to replace Hughes with the signing of 25-year-old Beckwith, and said: "I am delighted to have secured Dean.

"He is a good age, has a good amount of games



■ NEW SIGNING – Dean Beckwith

under his belt and he is a player who has impressed me.

"A year ago he was being linked with a move to the Coca-Cola Championship, and I think the move here will give him a fresh start and hopefully help him kick on.

"He is another one who has won promotion from this level before so he knows what it takes.

"He is also a player with a decent fitness record and is hungry to take both his career and the club forward.

"There were a few clubs keen on him, so we are pleased to have got him and he is a major signing for us."

Beckwith and fellow new boys Steve Guinan and Craig Hinton met their new team-mates as the players reported for pre-season training yesterday.

Liam Dolman also reported for pre-season as he tries to prove to Gray he is worth a new deal, while former Arsenal defender Paul Rodgers is also training with the club.

